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SUBJECT: GDR MFA NOTE ON OVERFLIGHT OF GDR TERRITORY

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1. IN APRIL 15 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (HENZE)
REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS OF THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN HAVE DISCUSSED THE NEW GDR OVERFLIGHT REGULATIONS WITH AN OFFICIAL (SUESS) OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO HENZE, SUESS HAD SAID THAT, IN THE PAST, THE GDR HAS HAD PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES ON ISSUING OVERFLIGHT PERMITS. THERE HAD BEEN SOME QUESTION AS TO WHO HAD COMPETENCE IN THE GDR. THE PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION WAS TO SETTLE THE MATTER AND THE SIMPLEST WAY TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THIRD STATES
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WAS TO NOTIFY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO THE GDR. SUESS ADDED THAT THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE NEW REGULATION WOULD BE ON NORTH/SOUTH TRAFFIC OVER THE GDR PARTICULARLY BETWEEN SCANDINAVIA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

3. AS TO THE ALLIED CORRIDOR REGIME, SUESS SAID IT WOULD IN NO WAY BE AFFECTED. THE GDR HAD ACCEPTED IN

A LEGALLY BINDING WAY, IN THE BOLZ-ZORIN EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS IN 1955, THE ALLIED USE OF THE CORRIDORS
IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY GARRISONS
IN BERLIN ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING FOUR POWER AGREE-
MENTS. SUCH TRAFFIC IS THUS COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH
1 OF THE NEW REGULATION (REFERRING TO TREATIES) ON THE
BASIS OF THE GDR COMMITMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION.
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